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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

DECLARATION:

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As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled LOW VOLTAGE DC POWERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS CUSTOMER SERVICE TERMINAL HAVING OPTIONAL HOT-SWAPPABLE LOW VOLTAGE BATTERY MODULE the specifications of which were filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 2, 2000 as Serial No. 60/209,277 and on March 29, 2001 as Serial No. 60/279,910.

The persons named as inventors in this application are SCOTT LAWRENCE KARPIEL, CRAIG S. CAMBIER AND JAMES A. BLOEMEN.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, \$1.56. If this application is identified above as a continuation-in-part application above, we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in \$1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this continuation-in-part application.

No prior foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate has been filed.

No priority claim is made under 35 U.S.C. \$119 or 35 U.S.C. \$120.

POWER OF ATTORNEY:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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